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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 14-30:

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14. A system for storing splices in a joint box, comprising:
a base having an outer arcuate surface defining one side of at least one arcuate-shaped storage channel; and
at least a first portion over said base, said first portion having an inner arcuate surface facing said outer arcuate surface of said base to define an opposite side of said at least one arcuate-shaped storage channel.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein said base includes at least one step forming a plurality of angular spaced arcuate-shaped storage channels.

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